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Dear Ms. Wright,

I am writing to applaud the decision by the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining to deny permit approval for an ill-concieved UtahAmerica Energy, Inc. project to mine coal near the mouth of Lila Canyon within the Desolation Canyon proposed Wilderness. Still, I must remind the Division that this area is within proposed wilderness and is inappropriate for mining development. This project should have never been considered and hopefully this remarkable landscape and wildlife habitat won't be subjected to more ill-considered projects of this type. I hope that the Division will have learned a valuable lesson from this experiance. Taxpayer dollars should not be used to do a company's bidding and the Division should follow it's legal mandate to protect public resources.

Sincerely,

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